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JULY 9TH 2023 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



THE TRUEST IDENTITY OF GOD – GENTILITY & HUMILITY

*Two weeks ago, as I was preparing to celebrate Sunday Mass, the Bishop rang me and asked if I could have a meeting with him at the Bishop's House in Portsmouth. As I drove to Portsmouth that day, I knew I had not undermined the priesthood in anyway to warrant a disciplinary meeting with the Bishop; I knew he was meeting to inform me of my new appointment which I have been expecting. After Bishop Philip had announced the appointment to me, given me a little background to why he made the decision and sworn me to an oath of secrecy, I was elated at the trust he reposed in me and excited about such a new chapter in my life. When I asked my Spiritual Director to guide me on the best approach to adopt, he paused for some moments and said to me – **LISTEN TO EVERYONE, BE GENTLE IN YOUR APPROACH AND WALK HUMBLY LIKE JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD.***

My Spiritual Director then reminded me that the Bishop is sending me to Fleet and Church Crookham, to be a Father to everyone especially those on the peripheries and those who have been outsiders to the Church; he then asked me to be a Bridge-Builder and Mender.

*In our Sunday Readings this week, we encounter Jesus Christ who rejoices with His Father for hiding the truest identity of God from those with “Special Knowledge – **Gnostics**” and revealing it to those of “Childlike Minds – **Nepios**”. This truest identity of God is that of gentility and humility of heart. Yes, our God walks alongside us, bears our burdens with us, understands all the ups and downs of our lives, and feels our pains without being aloof to them. It is this exact vision of God that Prophet Zechariah talked about in today's First Reading, that our God who is the King of Kings would come to us triumphantly but humbly to proclaim peace to the whole world. One wonders why there are so many crusades, fights, discriminations and exploitations around the world all in the name of God. One wonders why we need to fight “God's Battles” when He has no need of them. One wonders why there is so much power-intoxicated people in our parishes and governments when we have been called to serve in gentility and humility. One thing is sure, if we take refuge in the gentle and humble heart of Jesus, we will find relaxation, recreation and rejuvenation. As I prepare to depart the wonderful parish of City Centre Southampton with its amazing people, pray for me to become a listening, gentle and humble parish priest who includes everyone and not just a selected few. **JESUS, MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART – MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE UNTO THINE!!!***

Fr Johnpromise

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. A carpenter hand-made the yoke to fit the animal that wore it. Is your yoke handmade for you? If yes, who “makes” it? How does Jesus speak about His own yoke in Sunday's Gospel?
2. What idea do you associate with the word humble (1st reading)? Could humility be a strength? Could humility help end wars, solve the climate crisis, put an end to racial discrimination? (Truth is a synonym for humility.)
3. “*The Spirit of God has made His home in you.*” (2nd reading). What does this imply about the wonder and holiness of your spirit? Could it help you revere and tend to your neighbour's needs?

Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Retiring Collection is for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea)

Baptism in St Edmund's

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Home Care

This Week...

Tue Parish Finance Meeting

Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom

Sat Volunteers to garden St Edmund's @ 9.30am
Mela Festival in Hoglands Park

Sun Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Sun Baptism: VH

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tue Springhill Chaplaincy: VH/JP/AP

Wed Clergy Team: VH/AP/JP

Thurs Day of Faith at St George: VH
Diocesan Interfaith Meeting: VH

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH
Clergy Support Group: VH

Sat Mela Festival in Hoglands Park: VH

Sacraments



Please pray for *Franciszek and Arpad* who are due to be baptised this month. We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

Pray for **Jose Tew** whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 11th July at 10am in St Edmund's and then burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. May Jose rest in peace.

Pray for **Peter James Bundy** who died last month. His Requiem Mass will be 21st July in St Edmund's. We remember also his wife Suzanne and family in prayer.

Pray also for **Alice O'Donnell** who died peacefully two weeks ago. May Alice rest in peace. We pray for Caroline, Elizabeth and Rory. Alice's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 26th July at 12.15pm in St Edmund's.

Baptism Application Form



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in Anna or Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation course.

A Few Words...

Clergy moves: I am sorry that I was not around when Fr Johnpromise's and my 'departure' were announced last weekend. As you know I was in St Mary's, Oscott (Birmingham) for **Ambrose Chou's Ordination to the Diaconate**. He was one of 5 Ordained for various dioceses by Archbishop Bernard Longley. It was a great occasion and I met priests I haven't seen since my student days 50 years ago!!

Back to **Fr Johnpromise's** appointment to Our Lady, Fleet, & Holy Trinity, Church Crookham; and my retirement!

This is a significant time for Fr Johnpromise and, I suppose, for me! Dates are being negotiated, but Fr Johnpromise will be departing sometime in August and **Dcn David Bateman** (to be Ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on the 22nd July in the Cathedral) will be arriving in August. I will be leaving to pasture (interpret that as you will!) in October when **Canon Michael Dennehy** takes up the reigns. More in the future when exact dates and details are known.

A 'New Catholic' wishes to go to Lourdes to help when and where possible. He requires at least another £500 to reach his target for the fare and accommodation. Can anyone help? Please see or email me (Mgr Vincent Harvey).

Members of the 'Green Group' and other volunteers are going to **tidy up the 'garden' around St Edmund's on Saturday next (15th July) at 9.30am.....please come and join them (bring tools if you have them).**

Please pray for Fr Paul Leonard's father who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

If you wish to join the **Holy Land Pilgrimage** which I am leading in 2024 please ask for a brochure (some at the back of churches). **We need to book before 14th July.....5 days to go!**

'Fire alarms'.....as warned last week.....**be alert!!!**

Keep cool and have a good, satisfying, and holy week.

Thanks Vincent H

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Please remember especially in your prayers **Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Pat, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan &** all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.

What's going on?

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar. All welcome.

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors. A foundation governor is a practising Catholic. You don't have to have any experience in education - training will be provided. Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening. Having school governors is essential as the role of the governor is to support the school by asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on info@springhillcatholic.net and the head teacher will give you more information about the role before you make a decision if it is something you can commit to.

If you have received a parking ticket for parking correctly in St Ed's back carpark (i.e., the gravel), please call 01202 757 050 & speak to Abby who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf. Do not pay the fine, speak to Abby first! We cannot refund you unfortunately.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its important work so please give generously.

Green Living & Gardening!



If you are making 'Bug Hotels' for St Ed's garden then please **bring them to church (today) or this week.** Here's a helpful step by step guide...



<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>

The Parish is planning a 'Gather and Garden' on the 15th July 9.30am.

You (hopefully) will have noticed that we are appealing for a gardening team to form at St Edmund's to maintain our small garden and weed where necessary...

The Parish Green Living Group have decided to tackle the big jobs and invite others to join and help on Saturday 15th July 9.30am for a 'gather and garden'. Do come along and help out!

The Brown Door keys at St Joseph's have been changed!!!! We are trying to come up with a full list of key holders and so are asking that everyone with a key returns the key to a member of the clergy **before the 20th July.** If you could put your name with the key on/in an envelope then we can match up who needs the new keys. **If you need your key returned before the 27th July then just call Anna to say you have the key.** The new lock will be used from the weekend of the 29th July and so if you have not returned your key you won't be able to get in the building!!!!

Mela Festival: Saturday 15th July in the afternoon. The Southampton Mela Festival is a long-standing summer highlight in Southampton's events calendar celebrating modern and traditional Asian culture. The festival will feature performances by world class musicians, dancers and feature a whole host delicious authentic food. Just come along to Hoglands Park, Southampton, SO14 1NH to join in the fun!

Come and find out about CAFOD's work! CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work. The first meeting is on **Saturday 9th September** at St Bede's Church hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm where Philippe Mougine CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last years floods. The second meeting is on **Saturday 16th September** at St Michael & All Angels Church hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders. Everyone is welcome but please book so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing [Jo Lewry](mailto:Jo.Lewry@portsmouthcafod.org.uk) portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024.** If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July.** Details in the information package alongside sign up information.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 2nd October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9TH JULY

SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

Saturday 8th July <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 9th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	For Children & Christian Homes to be One in God & in Christ
	10:00am SJ	Dot & John Philpott RIP and Ricardo Cruz RIP
	11:00am SE	Elia Ouseph RIP
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish
Tuesday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	10:00am SE	REQUIEM MASS FOR JOSE TEW
Wednesday 12th July <i>Feria</i>	7:00pm SE	All the desires & plans of Abba, Father, Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit & the Church
Thursday 13th July	12:15pm SJ	Allin Rogers RIP
Friday 14th July <i>St Camillus of Lellis</i>	7:00pm SE	Thanksgiving for Prayers which have been answered
Saturday 15th July <i>St Swithun, Bishop</i>	11:00am SE	Thanksgiving
	6:15pm SJ	Fr Emery, Fr Peter & Fr Eladio RIP
Sunday 16th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Noreen Beaumont RIP
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Noel Phelan RIP
	7:00pm SE	Joel Stoy, Happy Birthday

9th July

Psalm Response

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

16th July

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Psalm: 64

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

Number 00888223

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a children's liturgy of the word for all children 3+ up until the children have received their First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each week but we need more volunteers to be able to continue. This will be a term time commitment only. If you don't want to lead a session you do not need to, we mainly need DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ, accept as our mission, in the service of God and as a community of disciples:

- to share God's love with all those we meet

- to welcome all so as to help others find and recognise Christ in their lives

- to exercise mercy and

understanding with ourselves and others.



Join the Parish!